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SUBJ: GOK REQUEST FOR EPA SPECIALIST IN WATER POLLUTION

REF: KUWAIT 3449

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED DIPLOMATIC NOTE FROM GOK OFFICIALLY REQUESTING ASSIGNMENT OF ARMOND LEMKE, OF EPA, TO KUWAIT INSTITUTE FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH. NOTE MENTIONS THAT KUWAIT CONDUCTING STUDIES OF WATER POLLUTION AND NEEDS BIOASSAY SPECIALIST (LEMKE) FOR APPROXIMATE SIX MONTHS. LEMKE PRESENTLY EMPLOYED AT EPA ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LABORATORY, 6201 CONGDEN BLVD. DULUTH, MINN.

2. AS INCICATED IN REFTTEL, EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS EPA AND AID HAVE DISCUSSED THIS ASSIGNMENT AND THAT LEMKE AGREEABLE TO PROPOSAL. APPEARS NEXT STEP IS FOR AID TO INFORM GOK WHAT IS REQUIRED IN TERMS OF CONTRACTS, PAYMENTS, ETC. EMBASSY WILLING TO DO WHATEVER NECESSARY TO ASSIST IN THIS PROJECT AND AWAITS EPA-AID ADVICE.

3. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF AID'S INTEREST IN REIMBURSABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (RTA) IN GULF, EMBASSY STRONGLY URGES THAT LEMKE ASSIGNMENT BE HANDLED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. GOK'S PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE WITH RTA IS RECRUITMENT OF TWO ADVISORS FOR NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY. WHILE ADVISORS' PERFORMANCE HIGHLY REGWJDED BY GOK, LENGTH OF TIME INVOLVED IN CONTRACTING PROCEDURES LEFT GOVERNMENT DISAPPOINTED. QUICK AND SATISFACTORY ACTION BY USG AGENCIES ON LEMKE ASSIGNMENT WOULD SURELY HELP OUR CASE IN FUTURE

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